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CASE NO. 2005-AIR-00022

*In the Matter of:*

**John Pollom,**  
Complainant,

**vs.**

**Alaska Airlines, Inc.**  
Respondent.

**DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT**

This is a proceeding under the provisions of Section 519 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, 49 U.S.C.A. §42121 (West 2003). The Complainant filed a complaint of employment discrimination with the Department of Labor against Respondent, Alaska Airlines, Inc., a commercial air carrier. On April 7, 2006, the parties submitted for my review and approval a "Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims" that resolves all issues. The parties are represented by counsel, and reached their settlement in part through the assistance of a settlement judge under the program described in 29 C.F.R. § 18.9(e) (2005).

I review the settlement agreement to determine whether its terms are fair, adequate and reasonable. The settlement must adequately protect the whistleblower and not be contrary to the public interest. I find the agreement meets the applicable standards.

This case is dismissed with prejudice.

So Ordered.

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William Dorsey  
Administrative Law Judge